



HF Happenings

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Spring QRP Contest

On Saturday 1 October, you can participate in the South African Radio League's Spring QRP Contest. The contest will be run from 12:00 to 15:00 UTC with CW and phone activity on 160 to 10 metres using 5 watts or less. During the first hour, stations may only operate on 40 metres; thereafter they may use the other HF contest bands.

The exchange is an RS or RST report and your grid locator. Each QSO counts one point, but please check the rules in the 2016 Blue Book for the multipliers. Send your log and summary sheet by midnight on 9 October to contest@sarl.org.za. Remember the photo of your station in action that must be sent with your log.

South African Radio League 80 m QSO Party

The aim of this contest is to create an interest in and activity on the 80 m band. It is a phone only contest that runs from 17:00 to 20:00 UTC on Thursday 6 October 2016. Only frequencies in the segment 3 603 to 3 650 and 3 700 to 3 800 kHz may be used.

The exchange is your call sign, a RS signal report and operator's name. You can participate as a single operator or a Short Wave Listener (SWL). You earn 10 points for every contact with a South African station and 15 points for every contact with a station outside South Africa.

Log sheets in MS Excel format shall be submitted by 13 October 2016 by e-mail to zs5lp@vodamail.co.za

Antique Wireless Association Valve QSO Party

The aim of the AWA Valve QSO party is to create activity on the 40 and 80 metre bands. It is a phone only contest using AM and SSB. Preferably, valve radios, or radios with valves in them may be used. No linear amplifiers may be used.

The AM QSO Party takes place from 13:00 to 17:00 UTC on Saturday 8 October 2016 and the SSB QSO Party runs from 13:00 to 17:00 UTC on Sunday 9 October 2016. Activity takes place between 7 063 to 7 100 kHz and 3 603 to 3 650 kHz. The output power may not exceed 100 w, unless the rig itself has a higher output power (FTDX400, etc.)

The exchange is your call sign, a RS report, a consecutive serial numbers starting at 001 and the type of radio used, e.g. HT37 TX. You score - All valve radio: 3 points per contact, Hybrid radio: 2 points per contact or Solid State Radio: 1 point per contact

Certificates will be awarded to the first three places in each category – AM and SSB. The log sheets must be submitted by 23 October 2016 to andyzs6ady@vodamail.co.za.

Bouvet Island DXpedition 2018

Press Release - 23 September 2016

The 20-member Bouvet Island DXpedition team is happy to report that our longstanding landing permit (2007) has been updated and revised to conform to current environmental protection regulations, planned landing and helicopter operations, base camp set-up, dates of operation, and operating plans. The updated document has received signatorial approval of the Norsk Polar Institute. Our amateur radio license with the call sign 3Y0Z has also been renewed and will be used during the Bouvet DXpedition 2018.

An international team of pilots has been selected to serve as an interface between the DXpedition team and the DX audience worldwide. They are your voice and will collect your feedback and information during the DXpedition and relay it to the team on Bouvet. Those pilots are Chief Pilot – Val, NV9L; South America



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Pilot – Siso, HK3W; Asia-Oceania Pilot – Hiro, JA1WSX; North America Pilot – Tony, K2SG; European Pilot – Bjorn, ON9CFG, and Africa Pilot – Johan, ZS2I.

Foundations, DX clubs, corporate sponsors and individuals have shown enthusiastic support for the Bouvet Island DXpedition. This DXpedition is an expensive project with team members bearing 50% of its total cost. Your financial support is encouraged and welcomed to help us make this happen. Please see our list of donors and sponsors and learn how you can help on our website at www.bouvetdx.org

73, For the Team, Ralph, KOIR, Bob, K4UEE, and Erling, LA6VM

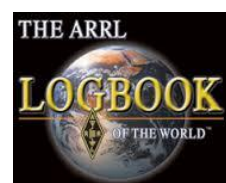
Friends of IOTA Update



"The Friends of IOTA appeal has now raised GBP 13 232.49, a sum that covers more than half of our initial target of GBP 25 000 for the paperless QSLing project", Roger Balister, G3KMA, reported on the IOTA website on 21 September. "Additionally we have transferred into Friends of IOTA, with the agreement of the trustees, a sum of GBP 2 661.43 previously in the W4BAA Trust Fund - this was set up by bequest for the betterment of the IOTA Programme. The sum total of GBP 15 893.92 is available both for IT and where restricted, promotional expenditure. We now have 116 contributors in 31 countries and we are immensely grateful to them for their generosity and support at this time of need." Nonetheless, "we are still significantly short of our target on the IT paperless QSLing project," and therefore donations are still gratefully received through PayPal to the e-mail address islandsontheair@outlook.com (in the comments field add "Friends of IOTA" and your call sign to identify you). See www.rsgbiota.org for the complete report.

Logbook of the World

As of 14:00 UTC on 6 January 2017, ARRL Logbook of the World (LoTW) no longer will accept contacts that have been digitally signed by versions of TQSL earlier than version 2.0. Users of earlier versions are encouraged to upgrade as soon as possible. The current versions of TQSL for Windows, OS X and Linux can be found at <https://lotw.arrl.org/lotw-help/installation/>.



VP8STI and VP8SGI

David, K3LP, has uploaded to YouTube a 37-minute video/slide show of the double DXpedition to South Sandwich (VP8STI) and South Georgia (VP8SGI). Visit <https://youtu.be/BQKHnxL5Fnk>.

African DX

Kenya, 5Z. Tom, DL2RMC, is taking up a new job in Kenya starting in October and will be active as 5Z4/DL2RMC for the next three years. QSL via DL2RMC, direct or via bureau.

African Islands

IOTA frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

September

27– Closing date for October Radio ZS

- 27 – World Tourism Day
- 29 Sept to 3 Oct – White Mountain Music Festival, Estcourt, Natal
- 29 Sept to 2 Oct – Madeliefie Makietie, Vredendal
- 30 – All schools close
- 30 Sept to 2 Oct – Hermanus Whale Festival

October

1 – Spring QRP Contest

4 – World habitat Day

6 – SARL 80 m QSO Party

8 and 9 – AWA Valve QSO Party

9 - SARL Youth Net

6 to 9 - Superblast Rocking the Daisies Music and Lifestyle Festival, Darling

10 – All schools open

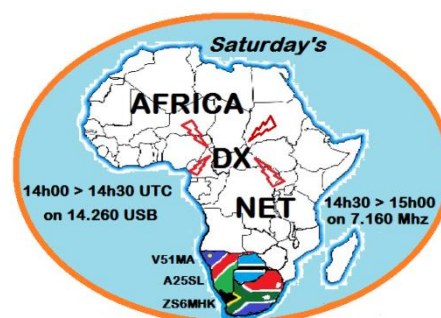
12 – Yom Kippur

14 to 16 – Jamboree on the Air

15 – CQ Hou Koers

20 – Radio Amateur Examination; National Marine Day

29 and 30 – CQ WW DX SSB Contest



SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

Seychelles, S7. Yuri, R2DG, will be active as S79PA from Mahe Island (AF-024) between 2 and 12 October on the HF bands using CW, SSB and PSK. QSL via R2DG, ClubLog OQRS, LoTW.



Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 26 September to 3 October 2016

SKCC Sprint

00:00 - 02:00 UTC 28 September

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and SKCC no or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; Bonus Points: 5 points per Centurion member QSO per band; 10 points per Tribune member QSO per band; 25 points per QSO with SKCC club call (K9SKC) per band

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 30 September 2016

E-mail log summary to: (none)

Post log summary at:

www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/submit-display.php

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/

Phone Fray

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 28 September

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country
non-NA: Name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 30 September 2016

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf

CWops Mini-CWT Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 28 September and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 29 September

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-

Member: Name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 1 October 2016

Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.cwops.org/cwt.html

UKEICC 80 m Contest

20:00 - 21:00 UTC 28 September

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op Connected - high, low or QRP;

Single Op Unconnected - high, low or QRP

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: 4-Character grid square

QSO Points: 1 point per 500 km; multiply QSO points by 2 if low power station; multiply QSO points by 4 if QRP station

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 28 September 2016

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <http://logs.ukaicc.com/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.ukaicc.com/which-contest/contest-rules/ukeicc-80-m-contests-rules

RSGB 80 m Club Sprint, CW:

19:00 - 20:00 UTC 29 September
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80 m Only
 Classes: 100 W; 10 W
 Exchange: [other station's call] and [your call] and [serial no.] and [your name]
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: 6 October 2016
 Upload log at: www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2016/rsprint.shtml

NCCC RTTY Sprint
 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 30 September
 Mode: RTTY
 Bands: (see rules)
 Classes: (none)
 Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 2 October 2016
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html>

NCCC Sprint
 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 30 September
 Mode: CW
 Bands: (see rules)
 Classes: (none)
 Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 2 October 2016
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at: <http://www.3830scores.com/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

YLRL DX/NA YL Anniversary Contest
 14:00 UTC 30 September to 02:00 UTC 2 October
 Mode: CW, SSB, Digital
 Bands: Any
 Classes: (none)
 Max operating hours: 24
 Exchange: Serial no, RS(T) and ARRL Section, province or country
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: W/VE Stations: 1 point per W/VE QSO; W/VE Stations: 2 points per DX QSO; DX Stations: 1

point per QSO with same continent; DX Stations: 2 points per QSO with different continent
 Multipliers: Each section, province, country once;
 Power factor: x 1.5 for 5 – 100 W; Power factor: x 3 for 5 W or less
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x power factor
 Submit logs by: 31 October 2016
 E-mail logs to: lamAF7BI@gmail.com
 Mail logs to: Marilyn Melhorn, AF7BI, 29139 NE Hammond Ct, ttle Ground, WA 98604, USA
 Find rules at: <http://ylrl.org/index.php/contests-and-dx-awards>

15-Meter SSTV Dash Contest
 00:00 UTC 1 October to 23:59 UTC 2 October
 Mode: SSTV
 Bands: 15 m Only
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single
 Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 10 watts
 Exchange: WSSTVC-Member: RSV, "W" and 4-digit member no; non-Members: RSV and serial no
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same country; 3 points per QSO with different country same continent; 5 points per QSO with different continent
 Multipliers: Each country once; Each WSSTVC member once
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 17 October 2016
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <http://contests.wsstvc.org/submit-log/cabrillo/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://contests.wsstvc.org/rules/>

TARA PSK Rumble Contest
 00:00 UTC-24:00 UTC 1 October
 Mode: PSK
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
 Classes: Normal (100 W)
 Great (20 W)
 Super (5 W)
 SWL
 Exchange: W/VE/JA/VK: Name and Call Area; Other: Name and Country
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: Each country once per band; Each W/VE/JA/VK call area once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 29 October 2016
 E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_rumble_score.html

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

http://www.n2ty.org/seasons/tara_rumble_rules.html

GTC CW Cup

06:00 - 12:00 UTC 1 October and 12:00 - 18:00 UTC 2 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op; Single Op QRP

Max power: non-QRP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: GTC Members: RST, "GTC" and 3-digit member number non-GTC: RST and "NM"

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 100 points per QSO with SZ1SV; 10 points per QSO with GTC members; 5 points per QSO with non-members

Multipliers: Each GTC member once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 30 October 2016

E-mail logs to: sv5dkl@rho.forthnet.gr

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.raag.org/LH2Uploads/ItemsContent/1028/1028EN.pdf>

Oceania DX Contest, Phone

08:00 UTC 1 October to 08:00 UTC 2 October

Mode: Phone

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band - QRP, low or high; Multi-One; Multi-Two; Multi-Multi; SWL

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts

Exchange: RS and serial no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 20 points per 160 m QSO; 10 points per 80 m QSO; 5 points per 40 m QSO; 1 point per 20 m QSO; 2 points per 15 m QSO; 3 points per 10 m QSO

Multipliers: Each prefix once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 October 2016

E-mail logs to: ph@oceaniadxcontest.com

Web-to-Cabrillo form:

http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/oceaniadxssb_cab.php

Mail logs to: Oceania DX Contest, PO Box 21088, Little Lonsdale Street, Victoria 8011, Australia

Find rules at:

<http://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/rules.pdf>

Russian WW Digital Contest

12:00 UTC 1 October to 11:59 UTC 2 October

Mode: BPSK63, RTTY

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Bands (QRP/High); Single Op All Bands Junior; Single Op Low Bands; Single Op High Bands; Single Op RTTY; Single Op BPSK; Multi-One; Multi-One Junior

Max power: HP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: UA: RST(Q) and 2-character oblast code; non-UA: RST(Q) and QSO no

Work stations: Once per band per mode (see rules)

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per mode per band; Each oblast once per mode per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 7 October 2016

E-mail logs to: rusww@rdclub.ru

Upload log at:

http://ua9qcq.com/en/submit_log.php?lang=en

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.rdclub.ru/rdrc-news/russian-ww-digital-contest/51-rus-ww-digi-rules>

TRC DX Contest

12:00 UTC 1 October to 12:00 UTC 2 October

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band

(CW/SSB/Mixed)(Low/High); Single Op All Band QRP; Single Op 3 Band (Low/High); Single Op Single Band (Low/High); Multi-Single

Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W; QRP: 5 W

Exchange: TRC Members: RST and "TRC"; non-TRC Members: RST and ITU Zone no

Work stations: Once per mode per band

QSO Points: 10 points per QSO with TRC member; 1 point per QSO with non-TRC member 1 point per QSO between TRC members

Multipliers: Each ITU zone once per band; Each country once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 9 October 2016

E-mail logs to: trcdxc@trcdx.org

Upload log at:

http://ua9qcq.com/en/submit_log.php?lang=en

Mail logs to: Atanas Kolev, PO Box 49, 6100 Kazanlak, Bulgaria

Find rules at:

<http://www.trcdx.org/trcdxc/index.html>

WAB HF Phone

12:00 UTC 1 October to 12:00 UTC 2 October

Mode: Phone

Bands: 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op (Fixed/Mobile/Portable); Multi-Op (Fixed/Mobile/Portable); QRP; SWL (Fixed/Mobile/Portable)
 Max power: non-QRP: >10 watts; QRP: 10 watts
 Exchange: British Isles: RS, serial no and WAB square; Other: RS, serial no and country
 QSO Points: (see rules)
 Multipliers: (see rules)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 23 October 2016
 E-mail logs to: aebbooks@ntlworld.com
 Mail logs to: Tony Beardsley, G3XKT, 14 York Avenue, Sandiacre, Nottingham NG10 5HB, United Kingdom
 Find rules at: http://wab.intermip.net/Contest%20Rules.php#HF_Rules

California QSO Party
 16:00 UTC 1 October to 22:00 UTC 2 October
 Mode: CW, Phone
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high - fixed, county expedition, mobile, school, YL, youth or new-contester; Single Op Assisted - QRP, low or high - fixed, county expedition, mobile, school, YL, youth or new-contester; Multi-Single - QRP, low or high - fixed, county expedition, mobile, school, YL, youth or new-contester; Multi-Multi - QRP, low or high - fixed, county expedition, mobile, school, YL, youth or new-contester
 Max operating hours: 24 hours for single ops with 15 minute off times; 30 hours for multi-ops
 Max power: HP: >200 watts; LP: 200 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: CA: Serial no and County; non-CA: Serial no and state, VE area or DX
 Work stations: Once per mode per band per county
 QSO Points: 2 points per phone QSO; 3 points per CW QSO
 Multipliers: CA Stations: States, VE areas once; non-CA Stations: CA counties once
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 17 October 2016
 E-mail logs to: (see rules, web upload preferred)
 Upload log at: <http://robot.cqp.org/cqp/logsubmit-form.html>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://www.cqp.org/Rules.html>

International HELL-Contest
 16:00 - 18:00 UTC 1 October (80 m) and 09:00 - 11:00 UTC 2 October (40 m)
 Mode: Hell

Bands: 80, 40 m
 Classes: Single Op; SWL
 Exchange: RST and QSO No
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; 1 point per QTC
 Multipliers: Each WAE/DXCC country once; Each JA/W/VE call area once
 Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points and total QTC points) x total mults
 Submit logs by: 16 October 2016
 E-mail logs to: do1npf@darc.de
 Mail logs to: Peter Frank, DO1NPF, Postfach 11 19, 90515 Altdorf, Germany
 Find rules at: <http://www.darc.de/der-club/referate/ukw-funksport/hf-hell-wettbewerb/teilnahmebedingungen/>

FISTS Fall Slow Speed Sprint
 17:00 - 21:00 UTC 1 October
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: QRP, QRO, Club
 Max power: QRO: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: FISTS: RST, state, province or country, first name and FISTS no; non-FISTS: RST, state, province or country, first name and power
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with FIST member; FIST members: 2 points per QSO with non-FIST member
 Multipliers: Each US state and VE province once; Each DXCC country once
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 31 October 2016
 E-mail logs to: n2ed@fistsna.org
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://fistsna.org/operating.html#sprints>

UBA ON SSB Contest
 06:00 - 10:00 UTC 2 October
 Mode: SSB
 Bands: 80 m Only
 Classes: (none)
 Exchange: ON: RS, serial no and ON Section; non-ON: RS and serial no
 QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with Belgian station
 Multipliers: Each UBA Section
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 23 October 2016
 E-mail logs to: ubaon@uba.be
 Mail logs to: Welters Leon, ON5WL, Borgstraat 80, B-2580 Beerzel, Belgium
 Find rules at: <http://www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/on-contest>

RSGB International DX Contest

07:00 - 19:00 UTC 2 October

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Open - single op or multi-op - UK or overseas - CW, SSB or mixed; Restricted - single op or multi-op - UK or overseas - CW, SSB or mixed; QRP - single op or multi-op - UK or overseas - CW, SSB or mixed; SWL – UK or overseas

Max power: Restricted: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RS(T) and serial no

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: UK Stations: Each DXCC country once per band per mode (JA, W, VE, VK, ZL and ZS call areas count as countries); Overseas Stations: Each UK prefix once per band per mode

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 9 October 2016

Upload log at: <http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2016/IntDX.shtml>

German Telegraphy Contest

07:00 - 10:00 UTC 3 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40 m

Classes: QRP; LP; HP; SWL

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: DL: RST and LDK; non-DL: RST

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; 2 points per QSO with club station of sponsoring club (see rules)

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 17 October 2016

E-mail logs to: dtc@agcw.de

Upload log at: <http://contest.agcw.de/dtc/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.agcw.org/index.php/en/contests-and-cw-activities/german-telegraphy-contest-dtc>

Next Week's Contests

ARS Spartan Sprint, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 4 October

Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 5 October

CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 5 October and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 6 October

UKEICC 80 m Contest, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 5 October

NRAU 10 m Activity Contest, 17:00 - 18:00 UTC (CW), 18:00 - 19:00 UTC (SSB), 19:00 - 20:00 UTC (FM) and 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 6 October (Dig)

SARL 80 m QSO Party, 17:00 - 20:00 UTC 6 October

NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 7 October

NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 7 October

Oceania DX CW Contest, 08:00 UTC 8 October to 08:00 UTC 9 October

QRP ARCI Fall QSO Party, 12:00 UTC 8 October to 23:59 UTC 9 October

Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB, 12:00 UTC 8 October to 12:00 UTC 9 October

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon, 12:00 UTC 8 October to 24:00 UTC 9 October

Arizona QSO Party, 16:00 UTC 8 October to 06:00 UTC 9 October and 14:00 - 23:59 UTC 9 October

Pennsylvania QSO Party, 16:00 UTC 8 October to 05:00 UTC 9 October and 13:00 - 22:00 UTC 9 October

FISTS Fall Unlimited Sprint, 17:00 - 21:00 UTC 8 October

PODXS 070 Club 160 m Great Pumpkin Sprint, 20:00 UTC 8 October to 20:00 UTC 9 October

North American SSB Sprint Contest, 00:00 - 04:00 UTC 9 October

UBA ON Contest, CW, 06:00 - 09:00 UTC 9 October

10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint, 00:01 - 23:59 UTC 10 October

VHF Happenings

Secunda Amateur Radio Club to Launch BACAR on 15 October

The Secunda Amateur Radio Club will launch BACAR 4 on Saturday, 15 October 2016. The launch will take place from Trichardt Model Flyers airfield outside Secunda, Mpumalanga. The event will commence at 05:00 CAT.

This is the fourth year the Secunda Amateur Radio Club will be presenting the BACAR programme to interested schools in the Govan Mbeki Municipal area. The programme entails the launch of a high altitude balloon carrying small satellites built by learner teams from the participating schools and an amateur radio parrot repeater. The programme is designed to stimulate interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

Tune in to Amateur Radio Today at 10:00 on Sunday 2 October for an interview with Christo Kriek and Willie Taljaard. Get frequencies and other transmission times on the ARTODAY page on www.sarl.org.za

432 MHz Fall Sprint, 19:00 – 23:00 local 5 October

Microwave Fall Sprint, 08:00 – 14:00 local 8 October

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